



Elder's Program Engagement Project: Reimagining our Future Together

Building our Elder's Program for our Elders by our Elders

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw is connecting with Elders, youth, and members – living within and outside of the community – to hear what you want for the future of your Skwxwú7mesh-ulh síiyuxwa7 (Squamish Nation Elders) Program. We recently invited you to share how you want us to engage with Elders to create a meaningful and inclusive Elder's Program, for present and future generations, rooted in Skwxwú7mesh values and culture. See below for what we heard:

PRELIMINARY Questionnaire Results

We heard from

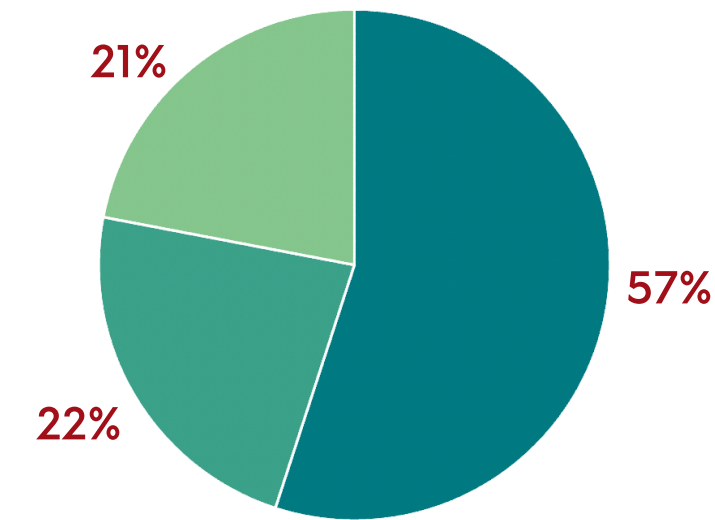
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Elders



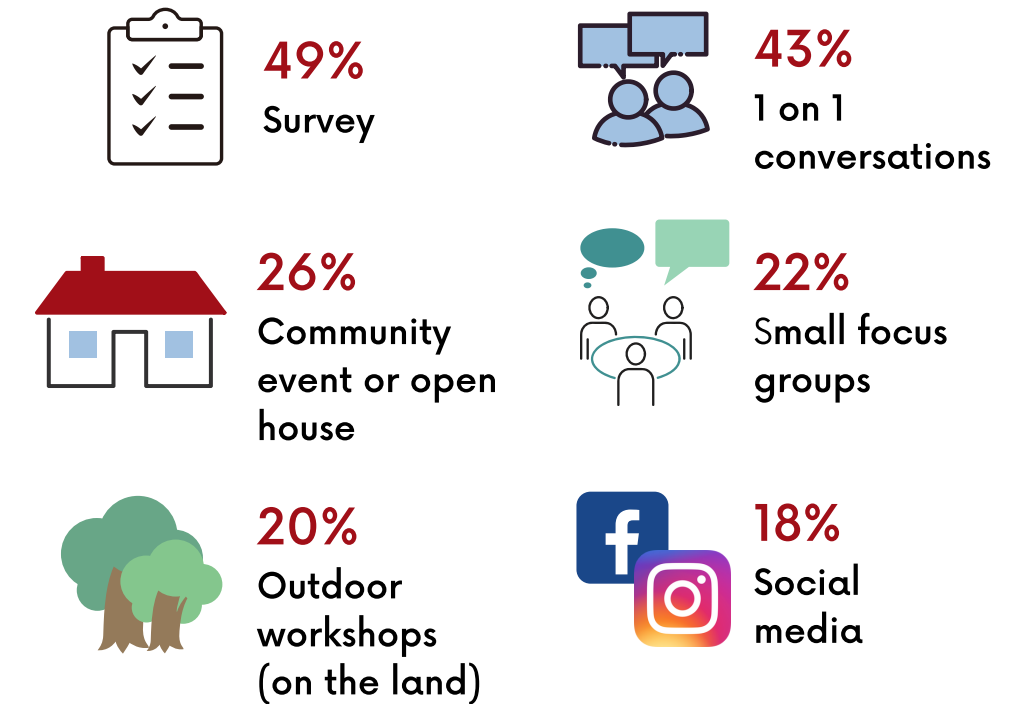
Huy chexw a
for your participation!

Where Elders surveyed live:



- Within the community (on-Reserve in North Van / West Van)
- Within the community (on-Reserve in Squamish Valley)
- Outside of the community (off-Reserve Canada & USA)

How would Elders like the Project Team to engage with them about the project?



“Every Wednesday at the Elders Centre”

“At Squamish Nation outings”

“Over coffee”



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Questionnaire Results

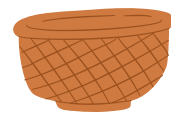
What would help Elders participate in the project?



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Rides/
transportation



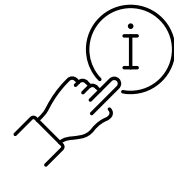
59%
Food/
refreshments



55%
Cultural
activities



50%
Reminders



47%
Good
information



46%
Timely notice
(calendar,
newsletter)

How can the Project Team ensure customs and protocols are being followed?

Listen
and learn

70%

Invite
Elders to
share

65%

Respect
knowledge &
teachings

61%

Invite
stories

52%

Show
gratitude

50%

Respect
privacy &
confidentiality

48%

“Keep customs/traditions alive”

“Being offered opportunity for comments and advice”

How can Elders be honoured and recognized during the project?

Gifts

52%

Honorarium

45%

Food

43%

Prizes

37%

Certificate

35%

Ideas put
into
action

34%

“Community acknowledgement in a community dinner”

“Recognize people using the old ways”

Next Steps:

Developing an Elders Project Engagement and Communications Strategy based on the questionnaire results, forming an Elders Project Action Team, and inviting all Elders to participate in a range of engagement opportunities.

If you have questions about the project you are invited to

Email: eldersproject@squamish.net

Phone: the Elder's Centre: (604) 987-4646 and a member of our team will get back to you.